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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN RHODESIA SECTION OF SECRETARY' S FOREIGN  
POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA IN SECRETARY' S  
1972 FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL  
19 FOLLOWS IN FULL:

" SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE RHODESIAN UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE, THE TERRITORY' S STATUS REMAINS UNRESOLVED.  
AN ATTEMPT AT SETTLEMENT FAILED THIS YEAR WHEN THE PEARCE  
COMMISSION REPORTED THAT THE MAJORITY OF RHODESIANS  
REJECTED PROPOSALS AGREED UPON BY THE SMITH REGIME AND THE  
BRITISH GOVERNMENT. THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME REMAINS  
IN FIRM CONTROL WITH THE AFRICAN MAJORITY OF 95 PERCENT  
EFFECTIVELY EXCLUDED FROM POLITICAL LIFE. ALL THREE  
PARTIES INVOLVED-- WHITE SETTLERS, BLACK AFRICANS, AND THE  
BRITISH GOVERNMENT-- DESIRE A SETTLEMENT. BUT THEY APPEAR  
FAR APART ON ACCEPTABLE TERMS.

THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE BRITISH  
SOVEREIGNTY IN RHODESIA AND WOULD WELCOME ATTEMPTS TO  
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RESOLVE THE ISSUE ON THE BASIS OF EVENTUAL MAJORITY RULE.  
WE UPHOLD THE U. N. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS PROGRAM EXCEPT FOR  
IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN MATERIALS SUCH AS CHROME ORE FROM  
RHODESIA AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS. WHILE THIS ACTION BY

CONGRESS IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL  
OBLIGATIONS, THESE IMPORTS REPRESENT LESS THAN 5 PERCENT  
OF TOTAL RHODESIAN EXPORTS."

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